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Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the results of a European Search Report dated October 4, 2002.

U.S. 5,989,009 has been cited under Category X as relevant to European claims 1 - 5, 8, 10 - 12 and 16 - 18. The abstract in Figs. 1A, 3, 4 as well as column 1, lines 10 - 18; column 1, lines 25 - 43; column 1, line 45 - 59; column 3, lines 11 - 29; and column 3, lines 30 - 36 are indicated to be relevant passages. The reference relates to a synthetic resin granulating die.

DE 32 43 332 has been cited under Category A (technological background) as to European claim 1 with the abstract and Fig. 2 indicated to be relevant. The reference relates to an extrusion die formed as an underwater pellet producer of plastic pellets. No translation of the reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant is attaching an English language abstract.

EP 0 862 944 has been cited under Category A as relevant to European claim 1 with the abstract and Fig. 1 indicated to be relevant. The reference relates to a process and apparatus for making pallets from product strands. The reference discloses a head carrying radially-projection cutters 8. No translation of this reference is available to Applicant at this time. However, Applicant attaches an English language abstract.

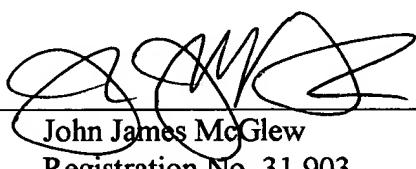
U.S. 4,678,423 has been cited under Category A as relevant to claim 1 with the abstract and Fig. 2 indicated to be relevant. The reference discloses a die for hot die face cutting thermoplastic polymers.

U.S. 4,856,974 has been cited under Category A as relevant to claim 1 with the abstract and Fig. 3 indicated to be relevant. The reference relates to an internally insulated extrusion die.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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copy of European Search Report
copies of (5) References
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